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WHERE TO HANG HIM

With those who would add the the burden of the traditional "sour apple tree" we disagree. We must protest that the only appropriate place and way to hang him is on the back stairs wall of the State Department's official suite, and in effigy.

That portrait, faithfully portraying the Commoner sort of vacuity, now about to be hung should look down forever upon the spot where the peerless meddler whispered in the ear of Dumba that all our diplomatic stiff talk was merely for public consumption and that what the Administration was actually determined on was peace at any priceespecially honor.

The present time, when the country has been plunged into war, in called at any time. It is believed fact if not in name, as the result of that two of the independents will the misinformation so sedulously vote with the Democrats and two spread by Bryan and his disciples, is with the Républicans, the Progresalso most appropriate for hanging sive-Protectionist from the Louisiana his picture on the scene of his crime. Let there be no delay on the part of the hanging committee.

RITTER UND ZIMMERMANN

A characteristic detail is to be noted in the incident (now closed) of the seemingly culpable attitude of toward the United States in favor of Germany. After Dr. Ritter had statement exonerating Dr. Ritter from improper behavior.

But hark to the bawl from Dr. Ritter's principal. Dr. Zimmermann, the German foreign minister, declares that Dr. Ritter was at fault in being the source of momentary trouble between the United States and the German government-that government so famous for its highminded faith and trustworthy behavior; this on the very eve of the disclosure of Germany's amazing attempt to seduce Japan and Mexico into treacherous collusion with the Kaiser's tottering cause.

It is hard work, bad work, any attempt to "represent" Germany. For no decent individual or government can really understand Germany's unnatural attitude, much less make it intelligible to any less clouded in-

MORE PRO-GERMAN THAN ZIM-MERMANN-

When the Zimmermann note was given to the world, the evidences of its authenticity was overmhelming. Followed in the Senate the statement by Senator Swanson that the President had told him it was authentic and was in the possession of the State Department. Nevertheless there was a long debate in the Senate over a resolution of Senator Lodge asking the President to send his opinion to the Senate concerning the authenticity of the note: Stone and O'Gorman wanted also to belligerent government. In the course of the debate, several Senahey must feel mortified at the conshed today, that the note was sent tions. nd the plot was devised to draw United States at the very moment alted friendship.

There is a comical side to the sitnation in Germany's anxiety to learn ow this Government got possession f the note. Germany has so long rided herself on the efficiency of her it must come with a shock to her service methods ourselves. The purthe question. Where the white folks got their information.

SPORTS

is that all Holland is subject to once. hysteria just now, and for the best | The Tennessee legislature has a of reasons-mortal terror of inva- custom of splitting its regular sesbit of German spy work.

val, it is surely the Queen's privi- idea. lege to make such a public gesture that she does not feel her country a while, they may return with a chills.

but usually his relaxation is directly concerned with sport.

The Dutch will do well to cheer up and uphold their plucky Queen in- gust. stead of attempting to censure her. That were to be rude to a great lady, weight of Mr. Bryan's avoirdupois to disrespectful to a responsible sovereign, and timid in a degree unworthy the great Dutch tradition.

REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION OF THE HOUSE

The death of Michael F. Conry, Democratic Congressman from New York, elected to succeed himself. makes it more probable than ever that the Republicans will organize the next House, the votes now standing, Republicans, 215; Democrats, 214; Independents, 5. Mr. Conry's successor may not be elected until November. If a special election were called it could not be held for thirty days, and an extra session may be sugar district being the doubtful one.

If the extra session is delayed, the matter may be said to be in the hands of Providence. The side with the fewest deaths will win. The House Republicans have cleared the air to some extent by the agreement to make Mann Speaker, but to take from him the power of appointing Dr. Paul Rifter, the Swiss minister, the committees. This will be done by a committee of fifteen, elected by the Republican membership, just as made his explanation to Secretary the Democratic majority of the Ways Lahsing the latter authorized a and Means Committee now makes assignments. The election of Lenroot as floor leader, and the appoint ment of a steering committee of the responsibility. But he does not seven to co-operate with the steering committee of the Senate are parts of the same plan. This will make Lenroot a far more powerful figure than Mann. The "dehorned Speakership" at which the Republicans have jeered will be more welcome to them than they could have imagined, considering the fact that Mann is to be elected. Undoubtedly he will make a good parliamentary presiding officer.

If the seniority rule is followed in

the important committees, there will be the same degree of embarassment to the Republicans as the Democrats have experienced, in cases where length of service does not coincide duced some time ago to furnish men plan of having the committees, when appointed, elect their own chairmen. That would give the needed combination of experience and capability. It is almost unthinkable that Cooper of Wisconsin for example, with his mushy pro-German pacifism, should for any of our ports. But neverthetees who would become chairmen is a highly specialized branch of the ulture; Hayes Haugen of lows. Ag Hinds of Maine, Census; Cary of Wisconsin, District of Columbia: know whether the note came into our Caleb Powers of Kentucky, Educahands through the agency of some tion; Esch of Wisconsin, Interstate Commerce; Greene of Massachusetts Merchant Marine: Kahn of Califorors suggested the possibility of a nia, Military Affairs; Butler of Pennorgery with the connivance of Great sylvania, Naval Affairs; Steenerson ritain. No need to name them now. of Minnesota, Postoffice; Fordney of Michigan, Ways and Means, and Gilession from German sources, as pub- lett of Massachusetts, Appropria-

In a time of war, it should make riendly nations into war with the little difference who organizes the House. The only rivalry should be when Germany was professing ex- that of patriotic endeavor to serve one's country best.

AS TO AN EXTRA SESSION

Speaker Clark has given notice that he will recognize no member of ar-flung spy system, and has been the House to take up anything but o contemptuous of the innocence and appropriation bills and conference regullibility of the United States, that ports. The Senate has still to consider the army bill, the sundry civil, mind that we have some secret and the general deficiency bills, and the notice that Senator La Follette loiner of the chickens acknowledged would talk at length on the ship his guilt. What bothered him was arming bill indicates a loss of time that might be otherwise available to the Senate on the big supply measures. An extra session can only be avoided now by unanimous consent.

But the revenue act has passed It is reported that a motion has and the navy bill appropriations will been reported in the Dutch Parlia- be made immediately available. The ment to censure Queen Wilhelmina failure of the supply measures or because she went skating at Leeu- any of them to pass will make an warden two days after Germany's extra session unavoidable, but as the submarine war was proclaimed. This appropriations are not needed until seems about as silly a resolution as July 1, it may not be deemed adcould be imagined; the only excuse visable to call the extra session at

sion. But probably the action is a sion with a month's recess, so that the members can go home and talk As to the Queen's seeking recrea- to the folks about the bills that are tion by a visit to the skating carni- being considered. It is not a bad

When members of Congress who of unconcern if she can; that she have been mortally afraid of the Gerhas done so may be taken as evidence man-American vote go back home for

to be in imminent danger of attack. new view of American patriotism Such action must be taken as an intentional bit of practical diplomacy. ator and some of the Representa-President Wilson always goes tives from Wisconsin might thereby golfing when public matters press to see a great light. A Senator and an extraordinary degree; he gets the some of the Representatives from practical result of physical rehabili- Missouri might also be shown. The tation and the moral advantage of American people have been more exhibiting coolness in the very face, than patient with the conscientious of pressing trouble. Sometimes he pacifists. But when pacifism and goes to get his eyeglasses mended, pro-Germanism are conjoined in the Congressmen from States with a large German-American electorate, patience is turned into wrathful dis-

PATRIOTISM IN BUSINESS

Here is a creed of patriotism worthy to have rung through the halls of Congress in its greatest days, or to have been uttered in the council that formed the Government of the United States:

Patriotism, however, is not a Patriotism, however, is not a mere sentiment. It is not wholly of the heart; it must be born of the principle of sacrifice of self for the good of country, sof humanity and of God. Patriotism must be a controlling conviction, and in this time of trouble if the acculance of the American and conseignee of the American soul and conscience of the American people do not realize that be there is a principle of human rights, a principle upon which the existence of free government de-pends, upon which the future of this great but untried democracy depends, then the American people fail to realize the situation at the moment.

It was not in the House of Repre entatives or in the Senate that these vords were uttered, however. They were spoken by Chairman William C. Breed, of the members' council of the New York Merchants' Association, at patriotic meeting held by that body. But they would bear thoughtful reading by the members of a Congress in which it is much more common to hear speeches upbraiding the commercialism of business than it is to hear ringing expressions of patriotism in the course of debate.

When the country is brought facto face with an issue as grave as the present the business man might turn on the politician who has been baiting him and try to shoulder off all although no sane business man would desire war if peace with honor and justice were possible. It is one of the reassuring signs of American vitality that the country's business men, even those like Henry Ford, who are extreme in their opposition to war, stand ready to do their bit if war it must be.

WHAT ARE FORTS FOR?

The tendency to use the Coast Arthe appointment of the chairmen of tillery Corps for everything on earth except the purpose for which it was created, namely, the manning of the seacoast fortifications, appears to be growing. The garrisons were rewith superior ability. The best way for border duty. No sooner do these out of this difficulty would be the special details get home than the rumor emanates that other Coast Artillery details will be placed on board our merchantmen, when they are finally armed, as gun pointers.

It is true that there appears to be no present danger of bombardment be made chairman of the Committee less the Coast Artillery Corps should on Foreign Affairs. Other ranking not be disorganized or weakened to Republican members of the commit-provide emergency naval gunners; it under the seniority rule would be national defense system that should be kept at all times ready for the of California, Banking and Currency; particular work for which it was created. It would be as wrongheaded now not to keep the ports manned as it would have been in the first place not to have built them.

Instead of being depleted the Coast Artillery Corps should be recruited up to its full authorized strength of 21,423 men, of which it now falls short 2,675.

If the expenditure of \$10,000,000 for army aviation will produce only 120 aviators, ready at all-times for service, there is all the more reason why some competent authority should "go after the regular army with a sand- Columbia ourself recently; but bag," as Major General Wood says, and reorganize it whether or not Congress votes universal military training

The vision of Cooper of Wisconsin as chairman of the Committee on distraction. Foreign Affairs is one of the things that makes the President hesitate about calling an extra session with the Republicans organizing the House. On the other hand, there is Senator Stone.

If Mr. Les Darcy, of Australia, can ot meet Dillon in New York city he can still find plenty of fighters in the German trenches ready to take him

One of the most painful spectacles of the present trying times is the anguish of the pacifist who is endeavoring to wriggle off the hot shovel before it becomes too red hot.

Some Congressmen talk as if the present international situation was designed for the sole purpose of embarrassing them politically.

Jim Mann should study the coast line of France if he wants to know where we shall land if the country goes into the war.

The stupidity of the Zimmermann note was prima facle evidence of its authenticity.

Shall the skull and crossbones rule the

The sinking of that Peruvian bark will not relieve Germany of the

Don Marquis' Column

Ballade of a Sturdy Gentleman. These modern decadents, alas! Their langour fills us with dismay. nsipid is this weary class,

Their passions find them easy prey Their simple cravings, shall we say, Last but a second and then die. But back in Caffiden town, N. J., Walt Whitman was a virile guy.

The female Camden folk en, masse Fell for the hero of our play. The heart of every Jersey lass Was old Wait Whitman's—his sway, To hold a while and give away

Without a murmur or a sigh. The character we here portray, Walt Whitman, was a virile guy. Where once was gold we now fine

brass. The years have shown a marked decay.
What decadence has come to pass,

As Rice would say, across the fray: Walt Whitman wrote the free verse And here's the wherefore, how and

Why, His stuff will live and live for aye-Walt Whitman was a virile guy. ENVOY. Boss, Whitman never worked a day. Walt Whitman never passed 'em b

This idol was not made of clay. Walt Whitman was a virile guy.

W. J. Bryan says that the moment war is declared he will be as patriotic as anyone, and will die for his country if necessary. But right up to the moment that war is declared, he says, he will work against war.

We believe, ourself, in Bryan's love for his country.

for his country.
But his blind stubbornness in block ing any attempt to put American af-fairs on a proper footing (in so far as he is able to obstruct the course of events) is doing the country more anything he might do after war has ecome an officially recognized fact. He has allowed himself to be fooled nd used by the enemies of his coun-

try, who have skilfully played upor his vanity and his obstinacy. His continued opposition to any adequate preparation for war, in the face of assaults upon the lives of his fellow-citizens and the honor of his country, has been a large factor in bring-ing us to the state of weakness and division in which we now find our-

He is sincere in his pacifism, no

Blind men are sincerely blind; they are not blind because they wish to harm any one by being blind. It is only when they stubbornly insist on being leaders, and are able actually to lead a minority to the embarrant ment of a whole people, that they be-come dangerous. One need not ques-tion the excellence of their motive nor yet the quality of their courage to perceive that their leadership is

It is the blind peace-at-any-price people, fosterers of the country's weakness, who have brought us to

the verge of war.

If we had listened to the warnings of the men who have urged adequate naval and military preparation we would never have been subjected to the attacks against American lives and honor and prosperity which are, in effect, war against us. It is these men who have warned us who are the real pacifists. They have wanted to save us from war.

It is important, if we go into war,

that the blame for going in shall be placed squarely where it belongs—up-on the heads of the peace-at-anyprice talkers, who have succeeded in keeping us so weak that our weak ness has invited attack after attack from a nation that boasts its fright fulness and its contempt of law.

A Communication From Archy.

been down to Washington to see if I could find out whether we were going to war or just going to hell anyhow I was looking for statesmen to surprise I found quite a number of cockroaches in charge of affairs cockroach mann kitchin need i specify further it

made me ashamed of the cockroach tribe more anon

archy

The editor of Columbia University's orous publication, Jester, says President Nicholas Murray But ler is unpatriotic because he recently made a speech discussing the Beigian

a time when he (President Wilson) was doing his utmost to avert war was unpatriotic and un American We took a back at the faculty of outburst on the part of the student editor makes us feel like apologizing for it. If Dr. Butler and the men bers of the faculty have much of this sort of thing to contend with we wonder that they are not driven to contend with we Unpatriotic and un-American to dis-

American to discuss the crucifixion of

We begin to perceive, for the first time, wherein lies the claim of Jester to be a humorous publication.

The Last Journey.

The wind swept sky, the wind swept sea, and all the world before us. (God be with the golden dream that lures us on again.) With Romance at the tiller and the

screeching gulls in chorus welcome us, to welcome us, the the rovers of the main. The rovers of the seven seas nor mind-ful of the steering. Only to be out again upon the ope

Nor wishful to be home at all, nor care what shore we're nearing. Exulting at the freedom with the the dom of the free. But those of us who dreamed our dream

and saw it swiftly winging wn the road to anywhere, and watched with brimming eyes; We steal into the pilot house where Romance, softly singing, Tells us oh, so gently, that our port is

paradise. -Edmund Leamy.

Germany Detains Four U. S. Consult as Reprisal Act.—Berlin's Incorrect Be lilef That German Official Is Held by America Cause of Step.—Headline.
Who furnishes Germany with these in orrect reports? Ceriainly there are man agents in this country to see that Berlin gets the truth.

DON MARQUIS.

Commercial Problems As Result of European War

A Non-Technical Explanation of the Big Ques- Clerks, Bookkeepers, and Stutions Confronting Business Men At This Time of World's Upheaval.

By SAMUEL WANT.

The attempt of Germany to obtain from this country a reaffirmation of the commercial treaties between the two, as applied to conditions existing during a state of war, indicates the anxiety felt by Germany as to possible further injury to the commerce and property of her noncombatant citizens resident in or dealing with this country, and points with emphasis to the large part played by purely commercial factors in the attitude of nations engaged or about to become engaged in warlike operations.

The treaty of 1785 between this country and Germany, besides pro viding for the protection of the citizens of the contracting parties in the event of war between them, also deals with the commercial rights of each in the event that the other should become engaged in war with a third party. On this point it is expressly agreed that in the event of such a war the free intercourse and commerce of the citizens of the party remaining neutral, as applied to transportation to and dealings with the slowly, with the smoke and fumes of belligerent powers, shall not be interrupted. Emphasis is given to this proposition by the further statement in the treaty that "on the contrary, in that case, as in full peace, the vessels of the neutral party may navigate freely to and from ports and on the coasts of the belligerents," this freedom to extend to persons as well as goods so carried or transported, subject, of course, to the right of confiscation as to contraband and the imprisonmen of passengers in the military service of the opposing belligerent.

This treaty, as to the point in question, was reaffirmed by the treaty of 1825. It will thus be observed that the situation now confronting the country in its commerce with England and other nations is squarely covered by the solemn obligation of Germany.

WHAT'S ON PROGRAM

Interesting Events of Importance Scheduled Today.

Scheduled Today,
Dramatization of the Continental Congress,
Casino Theater, F street, near Seventh
northwest, \$ p. m.
Exhibition of motion pictures, American University, \$ p. m.
Initiation and reception, Minnebaha Lodge,
Good Templars, Perpetual Boliding Hall,
Eleventh and E streets northwest, \$ p. m.
Reviral, Salvation Army Hall, \$50 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, evening.
Convention of American Anti-War League,
Friends' Meeting House, \$\$11 i street northwest
Annual dinner, Union College Alumnt Association, Army and Navy Club, \$ p. m.
Final celebration of fiftleth anniversary of
founding of Howard University,
Meeting of Federation of Citizens' Association, Board room, District Building, \$ p. m.
Reception by Pennsylvania Society, Perpetual
Building Hall, 1191 E street northwest, \$-11
p. m.
Reception Ctub, Seventeenth and K streets

p. m.
Reception by Maine State Association, Washington Club, Seventeenth and K strests northwest, 8 p. m.
Reunion smoker, Alumni Association of Chi Psi University Club, 7 p. m.
Masonic—Benjam B. French Lodge, No. 15,

Pat, University Ctub, 7 p. m.

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gapecial.

Odd Fellows-Drill of Canton Washington,

No. 1. Patriarchs Militant.

National Union-Joseph Henry Council, No.

27: Census Council, No. 1,624.

Red Men-Ossan Tribe.

Contest by Boy Scout Bands for Council

Mack Cup, Y. M. C. A., 8 p. m.

Dramatic rectal by pupils of Miss Victoria

Siddoms, Y. M. C. A., 8.15 p. m.

Reunion smoker of Chi Pai Fraternity, University Club. 7 p. m.

Address by the Rev. Paul Sperry, before

Boclety for Philosophical Inquiry, Public

Library, 4:55 p. m.

Annual farmers dinner of Riding and Hunt

Club. Twenty-second and P streets northwest, 8 p. m.

Public reception and entertsimment by

Knights of Columbus, 606 E street northwest, 8 p. m.

Annual material and 8:15 p.m.

Annual farmers dinner of Riding and Riding and Public reception and entertsimment by

Rhights of Columbus, 606 E street northwest, 8 p. m.

Annual farmers in m. Mator Pen.

Amusements

Belasco—"Alone at Last," 2:15 and 8:15 p.m.
New National—John Draw in "Major Pendennia, 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.
Poli's—New Poli Playerf, in "Romance," 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.
B. F. Keith's—Vaudeville, 2, 5, and 8:15 p. m.
Gayety—Burlesque, 1:65, 5, and 8 p. m.
Loow's Columbia—Photoplays, 19:30 a. m. to 11 p. m.
Garden—Photoplays, 11 a. m. to 11 p. m.
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Address, Fred B. Smith, of New York city, under auspices of the Y. M. C. A., Poli's, under auspices of the Y. M. C. A., Person under auspices of the Y. M. C. A., Person under auspices of the Y. M. C. A., Person under auspices of the Y. M. C. A., Person and Justice, and Association, beadquarters, 1828 Rhode Island avenue porthwest, 4 to 6 p. m.
Lecture, "The Rebirth of Christianity."
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Prof. William F. Wunsch, of Boston, New Massonic Temple, 130 p. m.
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ANTI-JINGO.

"Lucky 13" original States who blazed the trail for freedom and justice, and established the greatest republic—ever the asylum of the oppressed—this earth has ever known.
ANTI-JINGO.

"Breed Talk." by Mrs. Mary C. Stevens, Y. W. C. A. 5.30 p. m.
Establishment of New Jersey headquarters, Establishment of New Jersey headquarters, Quis Received From a Contributor New Willard, 4 p. m.
Address by S. W. Leech before Hero Club.
Y. M. C. A., 230 p. m.
Lecture on "The Jew in American Life." by
Dr. Alexander Lyons. Washington Hebrew
Congregation, 820 p. m.
Musical program by Carlisie Indian School
Hand. Casino Theater. Seventh and F
streets northwest, afternoon and evening.
Purim exercises by Young Men's and Young
Women's Hebrew Association, Y. W. H.
A. Home, 1220 Tenth street northwest, 8.30
p. m.

ting of Wage Earners' Association, 704 T street northwest, 4 p. m. Concert by United States Soldiers' Home Band Orchestra, Stanley Hall, 5:39 p. m.

ON WORD-TOUR OF CHINA

National Geographic Society Hears

Travel Lecture by Dr. Beech. From San Francisco to Shanghai, stopping at Nagasaki and up the Yangtse to Chung-king, from there overand to Chengtu, and thence up to the and Mt. Everest, and than back home seain was the itinerary of the National Seographic audience at the New Ma-ionic auditorium yesterday, when those attending took this trip with the lecturer Dr. Joseph Beech, president of the West hina Union University.

Shanghal, Dr. Beech says, is the melting pos of all the nations of the

world and the New York of Asia. the Yangtse it is 1,500 miles to the head o

Chengtu, where is located the univeraity of which the lecturer is chief ex-ecutive, is 300 miles overland. It is the capital of the State of Szechuan, which has a population of 60,000,000, but only half the area of Texas.

SCHOOL PLANS NEW HOME Washington College of Law Finds Quarters Inadequate.

Plans are being made by the ty of the Washington College of Law for the construction here of a new home for the institution, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000. At a recent meeting of the faculty it was suggested that a new buildin be constructed. A committee was ap pointed, and Miss Emma M. Gillett dean of the faculty of the school stated today that as the result of this committee's work, there has been several contributions already.

For several years, it is stated, the present home of the law school, on New York avenue, has been inade-

This new building, it is stated, will contain from eight to twelve class rooms, a library, the offices of the teachers and officers of the college besides study rooms for the men and women students. It is also planned if posible, to have a separate society m, in which the debating societies may hold their meetings.

LETTERS FROM READERS

impugns Patriotism of Wisconsin and Minnesota. To the Editor of THE TIMES:

Is Wisconsin really a patriotic State? What is the matter with Wisconsin?

that among the "Unlucky 13" who voted against the "Armed Neutrality Bill," that four are from Wisconsin (which likewise possesses a Senator

of the same ilk), and two from Min

nesota. With this revelation comes the, perhaps unfounded, but none the less ugly, suspicion that certain German-American influences are at work in Wisconsin, and particularly in Mil-waukee, that stronghold of the Kal-

It is a pity that some of the na It is a pity that some of the na-tives of that snugly-secure Western State, do not come out in the open and say what they are "up to" any-way. Wisconsin is reasonably safe-for an invading army on the East, for instance, would have to march over the Atlantic States, scross the Alleghanies and over the Mississippi river to get within telephoning dis-tance of Wisconsin. Naturally Wistance of Wisconsin. Naturally Wis-consin is not struck on its country's defense. While some Wisconsin folk are resting under the protection of their country's flag, they are oppos-ing the necessary measures to safe-guard it. Yet they are not sufficiently ardent in the cause of the "dear Patherland" to return to its blood-thirsty soil and fight under the ban-ners of that unhappy nation. Such tepid patriotism is open to suspicion Baltimore is quite as German Baltimore is quite an German-American in its population as Mil-waukee, but the people of Maryland and its representatives are too loyar and patriotic to hamper our Prest-

dent in the pursuance of his official duties.
The "Unlucky 13" will do well to hark back to the history of the "Lucky 13" original States who blazed

to His Column.

To the Editor of THE TIMES: There appeared in the "Don Marquis Column" of your paper a distribe upon one of our national songs which is nothing less than a trudged back. flagrant insult to the Admin-istration, to Congress, and to every

patriotic American citizen. As an officer of the army and as a private citizen, I resent this article and think the perpetrator should be designated and fittingly punished. I do not believe the management of The Times would knowingly in ascribe it to "canned news" of the

syndicate variety, but I do think

and carnestly request—that The Times publish an apology and disclaimer I think it is unnecessary to do more than call your attention to this and express my opinion of the article, be-Heving you will do the right thing in the premises.

S. E. BOMAR.

Move the Ships!

Move the ships! Not for a fleeting hour Should they obey the insolent be-Of perjured murderers, mad with lust

of power. Nor for an instant halt their lawful

free flag cower In fearful sanctuary here at home, But, howsover dark the clouds may

wide dome. Move the ships! Lo weeks have sped other man.

ple wait, and creeping doubt worms its insidious way Into the hearts once fixed to challenge fate, And causes that high arder to

abate. In all our navy-if each warship strips

For action; oh, still let the right be

Washington, February 28.

PARACHUTE JUMP **ALL IN DAY'S WORE**

dents of Yesterday Now Risk Lives for Britain.

CHAT ON PERILOUS DESCENT

Youthful Officers, Forced by German Shot to Leap, Bitterly Resent III-Luck.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS. WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Feb. 4 (by mail).-You mber the county fair? Remem ber the tremor of expectancy in the crowd gathered around the dingy old hot-air balloon as she swelled, oh, so

the barrel-stave fire? Will you ever forget the thrill she gave you as she latily lurched into the air, dragging with her the fellow in the darned but spangled purple tights, the parachute jump man with tights, the parachute jump man with oiled hair plastered down on his forehead? You secretly half hoped he would fall and half feared he would. And then, at about 1,500 feet, the aeronaut's mad leap, his dead drop of 300 or 500 feet, the slow opening of the parachute, and the swinging drift to the ground—remember?

Suppose you had to leave your job in the office, sho or on the farm, and

Suppose you had to leave your job in the office, shop or on the farm, and begin such performances tomorrow: Suppose you had to go up in a balloon, in any and all sorts of weather, to be ghot at by artillery and lunged fat by hostile aircraft? Suppose you had to leap from burning balloons, or got togged out of the basket of one

get tossed out of the basket of one while passing through the clouds? In Day's Work Now.

What if America should suddenly find herself in a war and the billboards should say: "Your Country Needs You?" Think you could do these things for her? British boys are doing the little trick every day. Yesterday they were clerking in stores, working in shops, bookkeeping in offices, or going to school. Today they are making parachute leaps from balloons and other more thrilling

things still. things still.

Yesterday that lieutenant you find yourself talking to was a pink-and-white youth at Eton, preparing to go up to Cambridge. Today he considers fighting duels above the clouds with Germans as much a part of his job as resterday he considered calculus to yesterday he considered calculus to be. Yesterday he was a school kid writing easays about flowers. Now he handles a machine gun like a

demon, as he hurtles through the sky two miles a minute, or nose dives after a war-hardened youth like him-self whom he is taying to kill. Here's an example. The incident oc-Here's an example. The curred in the observation balloon section. Two youngsters, carrying out observations over the German de-

observations over the German de-fenses, suddenly got a shell through their bailoon. It began to fall, slowly at first, then faster. They were about a mile high.
"We're hit and falling," one of the
observers phoned down to the ground.
"The hostile gun is at X-22-D621." A moment later the second observer phoned down the position of the hos-tile battery which had punctured them, but gave the position slightly

They Chat "Going Down. Then both boys jumped. Their parachutes opened about the same distance down, and, not more than fifty feet apart, they were wafted earth-

ward together.
"The blighters!" one youth called over to the other as they dangled half mile above the earth. "They couldn't do that again in a million shots. mmy lot of stale

growled the other, waving an arm in the direction of the Germans. "Pure accident! They couldn't hit a bread wagon if they tried." Thus chatting they landed in a field about a mile "I'm sorry to note," said the company commander, as they entered the

hut serving as balloon section tele-phone central, "that you two gentlemen failed to agree on the location of the hoatile battery which brought you down." And though there was a twinkle in, his eyes, his voice was "Sorry, sir!" one of the young officers replied, with a smar "but perhaps our error was due to the observations being taken at differ-

ficers. And they have again and again proved themselves up like this.

ent altitudes." Throughout the Brit-ish army one finds boylab-looking of-

Caught In Windston Two other young officers while at an altitude of about 4,000 feet found themselves caught in a windstorm be-fore they could be hauled down. Just before reaching earth a violent gale hit the balloon, which pulled the winch on the ground completely over, snapping the wire cable. The sausage went up and off among the clouds

like a bubble in a whirlwind At a tremendous height the balloon was struck by lightning and set on Their peaceful errands on the sea's fire, throwing one of the officers out of the basket. His parachute opened, Not for a thought's span should our the lower cords of the parachute, the latter began descending at frightful velocity through the storm clouds. The officer might have cut the bal-Or angry waves may dash their crested foam,
Let it flame forth beneath the sky's wide dome. the millionth chance along

away,
And still decision halts—the peohole in the baloon, and wind getting in through this opening caused the fabric to swell, thus forming a parachute of itself. The ground was reached with a thud, which broke a collar-bone or two, but both young men walked to the nearest dressing station, where they "reported" before

SENATOR "MAKES BREAK." Senator Kirby, pacifist, of Arkansas,

was so agitated when he rose to ad-Nor let our light fail in shame's dress the Senate in a debate that he The nation waits—for God's sake move the ships!

A roar of laws in a debate that he made his appeal to "my fellow-citi-

the ships! A roar of Jaughter followed, and ISABELLA CAMPRELL. changed to "gentlemen of the conv-A roar of laughter followed, and he